

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 605

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of David Wayne Sherrell of Sparta.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of David Wayne Sherrell; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Sherrell was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sherrell was one of ten children of William Orvil and Lillian Troglen Sherrell, born in Sparta on February 7, 1951; and

WHEREAS, at the age of twelve, Wayne Sherrell began his lifelong service as a firefighter, as he became a well-known face at the old city hall on Bockman Way, where he assisted in all aspects of dispatching and providing aid to anyone who entered the doors; and

WHEREAS, during his youth, Mr. Sherrell also took a keen interest in photography; so adept were his abilities that he became one of the youngest employees at *The Expositor* newspaper in the 1960s, with which he remained employed for several years; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Sherrell served with acumen and alacrity with the Sparta Police Department, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the Sparta Police Department, Mr. Sherrell was a key figure in working dispatch and obtaining grant money that helped the department grow and flourish; and

WHEREAS, his tenure in emergency services continued when he was named the director of White County E-911, where he remained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, it was his years of volunteering with the Sparta Fire Department to which White County is most indebted. Mr. Sherrell provided a variety of services to the department, including filling SCBA tanks and pulling hoses while firefighters worked a scene and providing care for the firefighters' children; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Sherrell also served as the fire department's historian, carefully composing the annals of the department, including fire dates, photos, and videos; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many decades of dedication to fire service, Mr. Sherrell was recently presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Sparta Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, both biological and chosen, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sherrell was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Bobby Sherrell, Tommy Sherrell, and Bruce Sherrell; and his sister Tina Sherrell; and

WHEREAS, he will be remembered by his brothers Jerry Sherrell, Lolly Sherrell, Chuck Sherrell; his sisters Marian Lowery and Delores Davis; and his numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Sherrell leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Fire Department and White County are undoubtedly indebted to the service of Wayne Sherrell; he was a credit not only to his community but to the entire State of Tennessee, and it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of David Wayne Sherrell, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Sherrell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.